

WILDLIFE AWARENESS

The Cascades mountains are a spectacular playground as well as an alpine ecosystem that deserves our respect and care. Practicing wildlife awareness will deepen our recreational relationships and help protect mountain wildlife.

To start, learn who lives where you are recreating. What are their requirements for feeding, resting and denning areas?

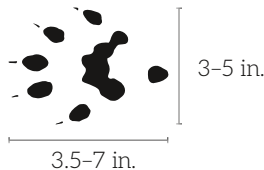
Winter is a difficult time for many species. Pay attention to current information about wildlife activity and closures, and adapt your recreation plans. Look and listen for wildlife to reduce the likelihood of an encounter.

Finally, share what you see so others know if there are places to avoid.



LEARN TO IDENTIFY WOLVERINE TRACKS

Wolverine tracks may appear elongated or round and are about the size of your hand with five toes. Track patterns are usually a 2x2 bound or a diagonally arranged 1-2-1 lope. Wolverine trails are often solitary and far-ranging.



IF YOU SEE A SINGLE SET OF WOLVERINE TRACKS...

... there is no need to leave the area. Wolverines can travel long distances in a single day.

Take time to document the tracks, as your observation can help researchers track where wolverines are on the landscape.



SUBMIT YOUR OBSERVATION OF POTENTIAL WOLVERINE TRACKS

1. Record time, date, and location.
2. Photograph tracks and trail patterns with a recognizable scale
3. Submit your observation through our easy online form at CascadesWolverineProject.org or email us at info@CascadesWolverineProject.org



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LEARN TO IDENTIFY A WOLVERINE

An adult wolverine is the size of a medium-sized dog, with large feet and a bushy tail. Including the tail, a wolverine measures 34 - 42 inches in length (85 - 105 cm).

Their fur is dark brown with a pale buff or blonde stripe extending along their sides from the neck to the base of the tail.



IF YOU SEE A WOLVERINE, DON'T APPROACH THEM!

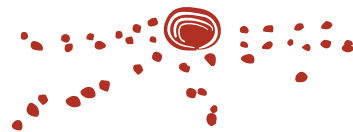
Respect their space.

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AVOID DISTURBING A POTENTIAL DEN SITE

Multiple sets or a network of wolverine tracks observed over multiple weeks between February and May can indicate proximity to a highly sensitive maternal den.

Wolverine snow dens are located near and below treeline in snow-covered scree, boulders or trees. A den entrance is a hole in the snow 12 inches (30 cm) across with wolverine tracks leading in and out.

Promptly report potential wolverine den sites in the Cascades to

info@cascadeswolverineproject.org

The Cascades mountain ecosystem holds unique pressures and protections. Further research into what constitutes a wolverine's functional tolerance to human disturbance in our region is ongoing.

We encourage recreationists to use the precautionary principle:

IF YOU THINK YOU MAY BE THREATENING AN ANIMAL, CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIOR.

Recreating respectfully is built on balancing recreational pursuits with the needs of the greater ecosystem.

The Cascades Wolverine Project supports wolverine recovery in the Washington Cascades, connecting science, storytelling, and recreation for the benefit of people and wildlife.



RESPECTING WOLVERINES IN THE CASCADES